

State Library Card – We Are Where You Are

The State Library has introduced a remote access card to enable state employees and officials remote access to a selection of our online research databases. This access will expand their ability to do research from areas outside of state offices, or from anywhere in the world that has an Internet connection. Users in the Capitol and legislative buildings will continue to enjoy direct access by connecting to these and other databases in the State Library. Patrons will be able to access these databases all day, every day through our website connection to databases. As of June 30, 2006, the databases available to remote users include:

- **ABI/Inform** - access to the Wall Street Journal, as well as to other business and economic publications.
- **FirstSearch** - selected general reference databases, two of which provide full text articles and information.
- **Hein Online** - a comprehensive, image-based collection of hundreds of legal periodicals and other legal collections.
- **Lexis-Nexis Congressional** – text and information about Congress, bills, laws, regulations, and more.
- **Lexis-Nexis State Capital** - text and information about the status of current bills, statutes and regulations in the 50 states.
- **Newsbank** - local, regional and national U.S. newspapers of record, including three Arizona newspapers
- **Sanborn Maps for Arizona** - digitized versions of the Sanborn fire insurance maps for this state.

We are contacting state agencies and state agency librarians to offer library cards directly. Employees are also able to sign up for remote user cards online. For access to remote use, state employees and officials can link to <http://www.lib.az.us/librarycard> , or click on the “Search, Surf, State Info & More” icon on our agency homepage (<http://www.lib.az.us>). The remote access card was available for use during the last 4 months of the fiscal year, and over 200 state employees are currently registered. The registration startup was implemented with legislative research staff and State Library employees, who tested this new system for us.

During the next fiscal year, we anticipate changes in the addition of statewide databases (August 2006), outreach to more legislative branch employees, and working with other state agency librarians who will get cards and provide names for additional state employees to receive cards. Downloadable audio and e-books will also be linked to this remote user card. To support these services, we will be scheduling database-training classes for state employees. Only two research databases are not available for remote access, due to contract and pricing limitations – Westlaw Patron Access and Ancestry (a genealogy database).